

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Hu, et al.

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For: **HYDROGEL NANOPARTICLE DISPERSIONS WITH INVERSE THERMOREVERSIBLE GELATION**

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2008, having a response date of February 20, 2009, and extended for one month by petition enclosed herewith to March 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: